

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 8, 10, 12, 13 and 20 are pending in the present application. Claims 15-19 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer by this Amendment.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 8, 10, 12, 13 and 20 are allowed. Applicants believe that in light of the amendments made herewith, which cancel all claims other than the allowed claims 8, 10, 12, 13 and 20, the present application is now in proper condition for allowance.

Claim Rejections under 35 USC § 103

Claims 15-19 stand rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as unpatentable over WO 97/01253 ("MCI") in view of U.S. Pat. No. 6,591,098 ("Shieh").

As noted above, claims 15-19 have been canceled. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection under 35 USC § 103 is requested.

Conclusion

Based on all of the above, the present application is now in proper condition for allowance. Prompt and favorable action to this effect and early passing of this application to issue are respectfully solicited.

It is believed that no fees or charges are required at this time in connection with the present application. However, if any fees or charges are required at this time, they may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 503111.

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